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ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, 1515 BATHURST STREET, TORONTO, ONTARIO M5P 3H4

## MARCH, 1979

### Alumni Golf Returns Wednesday, June 6, 1979

As another cold and blistery winter slowly draws to a close, we can again imagine the fine summery weather that comes with the month of June and anxiously await the day when we can again resurrect our golf clubs from the basement and slap that first drive down the open fairway of our favourite golf course.

After a year's absence, your Alumni Executive are again holding a Golf Tournament for St. Michael's Alumni and friends. This year's participants will be playing for the Maurice F. Whalen Trophy, named after a most avid golfer who is still at St. Michael's.

We have reserved the First Tee at the Carrying Place Country Club (Highway 400 at the Aurora Sideroad) from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6th, 1979 in the name of the Alumni Association and we hope that we can get as many of you out as possible. We are hoping to have a minimum of sixty players out to this tournament, and those who have attended in the

past, will vouch for the good weather we have always been blessed with and the good time had by all.

A roast beef dinner will be served at approximately 6:30 p.m. at which time, the numerous prizes we hope to have available will be awarded.

You don't have to be a pro to play in this tournament, so arrange your foursome now and send in your application and your money as soon as possible, but no later than May 15th. If you don't want to play golf, you are welcome to join us for the dinner.

If anyone is able to donate a prize for this event, please contact Wayne Horan at 497-6386 and he will arrange to pick it up.

Remember — We must have your application and money in by May 15th so we can know how many will be attending and to finalize our arrangements with the Golf Club. Any inquiries can be answered by telephoning Paul Thomson (653-3503) or Wayne Horan (497-6386).

#### APPLICATION FORM FOR GOLF

Mail application to: Paul Thomson,  
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Please reserve a starting time for me as follows:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ at S.M.C.S. From 19\_\_\_\_ to 19\_\_\_\_

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2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_

I request \_\_\_\_\_ electric cart(s) to be reserved.

Make cheque payable to S.M.C.S. Alumni Golf.



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**SCHOLARSHIP DRAW**  
May 16th, 1979

**ALUMNI GOLF**  
June 6th, 1979

**REUNION & TURKEY ROLL**  
Friday, December 7th, 1979

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Your continued support through membership fees is greatly appreciated. It plays a very important part in our efforts to keep the Alumni Association operating. The present level of the Scholarship Funds which we have been donating to the School is also a reflection of your support.

**HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR \$6.00  
MEMBERSHIP FEE?**

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While my year as President of this Association is not quite over, this issue of your Blue Banner is an appropriate time to thank the many members of the Association who have supported your current Executive throughout this term, and upon whose support we rely for the forthcoming Scholarship Draw.

I also take this opportunity to congratulate John McCusker, who has agreed to succeed me as President this June. John has been most active in all facets of your Association and in particular in the publication of the Blue Banner.

I have enjoyed this year of fellowship with the Alumni of St. Michael's and I'm sure I will continue to do so in the future.

## FAMILY SKATING

As those sub-zero days become fewer and fewer and all those not so fanatic joggers start charting their spring programmes, the family skating gradually winds down.

This year's turnout and the family memberships were again on the increase. The Sunday outing is really gaining in popularity among the Alumni and their families and friends. The smiles and chuckles and friendly faces indicate the good fun enjoyed by all.

So let's see more of you in the fall when we resume our Sunday skate!

We would like to thank all the people who turned out every Sunday to support this aspect of the Alumni year. To all the members of the Executive who turned out for their turn at the ticket window, we extend a sincere thank you!

## Have You Sent In Your Membership Fee Yet??

Like everyone else in today's world, we have been hit by the realities of inflation and found it necessary to increase our 1979 Alumni membership fee from \$5.00 to \$6.00. This increase was the first in several years and was necessitated by the continuing rise in printing and postage costs. If we are to continue to keep you advised as to the activities of your Alumni Association and St. Michael's, we require your support through the payment of your annual dues. Your fees pay for the printing and mailing of the Blue Banner, maintenance of the Alumni Room, the turkey roll, and other yearly functions held by your Alumni Executive.

To date, we have received nearly \$3,600. in membership fees from approximately 533 Alumni which represents only one-sixth of our mailing list. What about the other 3,000 who haven't yet sent in their fees?? In order to maintain a strong Alumni Association, we need your support. More paid up memberships would mean that we could publish the Blue Banner more often and plan more activities for the membership.

Please help make your Alumni Association stronger by sending in your \$6.00 today.

# THE SCHOLARSHIP DRAW

## MAY 16, 1979

The end of the Alumni year is traditionally highlighted by the Scholarship Draw.

The increasing costs of education can put a great deal of pressure on very deserving students and their families. We, the Alumni, hope that in some small way, we can assist in alleviating some of those problems. The proceeds from the draw are directed to the bursaries and scholarships at the School.

The evening is always a fun-filled event. This year it is being held on May 16th, with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner to follow.

The event has always been well catered and the re-

freshments are provided at no additional cost. There are only 150 tickets sold (each ticket entitles two people to attend) at a cost of \$100.00 per ticket. The last ticket drawn wins the grand prize of \$5,000.00 with numerous prizes awarded along the way.

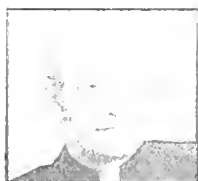
For information on all or part of a ticket, contact the following:

Paul Thomson — 653-3507

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John McCusker — 279-1010

SEE YOU ALL ON MAY 16TH, 1979 AT 6:30 P.M. SHARP.



## From the principal's desk

Hockey — Responding to New Realities

*Norman Fitzpatrick, C.S.B.*

At the close of this column in November 1978 I alluded to a new and unexpected direction our hockey programme was taking. At this time I would like to enlarge upon that statement. Let me begin by describing the background from which these new developments emerged.

In 1975 it became apparent to Fr. Brian Sweeney, the man responsible for hockey at St. Michael's, that new realities in the world of academics and hockey were affecting the school's effort to participate competitively in the sport. The Metropolitan Toronto Hockey League, in which St. Michael's competes has an obligation to its members to ensure that teams entered at a particular level of the league meet the competitive standards of that level. St. Michael's, for reasons that will be outlined below, had cause at that time to be concerned about its abilities to meet these standards.

Other participants in the league usually entered teams in all age groups — minor atom through to major midget. This assured a continuity in training and a player retention factor that enhanced their abilities to be competitive. St. Michael's, on the other hand, patterned its hockey structure on the academic structure of the school. Since its academic programme began with students of grade 9 age, so did its hockey programme. Unlike other clubs, then, our beginning team was the bantam team and, unlike other clubs, our source of players could not be an infra-structure of lower teams within the school. We had to rely on the willingness of students coming into grade 9 to transfer from clubs they were playing with in their younger hockey years. In effect we were attempting to meet the competitive standards of the league with a series of teams truncated at the bantam level, while other clubs were meeting this standard

through an integrated system of teams from major midget down to minor atom.

Another reality that our hockey programme had to take into consideration was St. Michael's affiliation with the Metropolitan Separate School Board in grades 9 and 10. In view of the fact that our religious and academic orientation form a continuity with the elementary schools, and that our grade 9 students come exclusively from the Separate Schools' grade 8 classes, our hockey programme had to reconcile itself with these realities as well and somehow follow this pattern.

This means, then, that the hockey programme as it is now presented at St. Michael's can only be successful if it can adapt itself to the demands, policies, restrictions, and, lest we overlook them, the advantages and resources of the three organizations it must function within, namely: St. Michael's College School, the Metropolitan Separate School Board and the Metropolitan Toronto Hockey League. To the degree that it can carry off this delicate balancing act it will be successful, but more than that, it will be a unique asset to these three organizations.

In 1976 St. Michael's made its first response to these realities. It decided to bring its hockey programme to the younger age groups outside the school and applied to the league for permission to enter two new teams — minor bantam and pee-wee. The school explained to the league that this policy was necessary if it was to honour its competitive obligations. The request was ultimately granted.

In September of that year and for the first time in its history St. Michael's had teams whose players did not go to the school and whose age would be new to the school's teaching and coaching experience. New mana-

## From the principal's desk . . . .

gerial and coaching personnel had to be recruited and a man of experience came forth in the person of Mr. George Volpe. Under the leadership of Fr. Brian Sweeney, Director of Athletics, Mr. Volpe took on the responsibility of forming the new teams and appointing the coaching staff.

In the spring of 1978 a further development took place. The MTHL surprised everyone when it announced a redefinition of the top category of hockey in the league. What previously was called the double 'A' and 'A' series, representing, as they did, different levels of competence and ability, were now to be called the major and double 'A' series.

This exercise in nomenclature would have passed as nothing more than that had it not been for a new regulation that accompanied the change in names. And when officials at St. Michael's read the new regulation they drew a long breath and wondered once again about the future of hockey at the school.

The new regulation made it mandatory for all participating clubs in the major series to have teams in all age groups from atom through to major midget. For St. Michael's this would involve two more teams in the lower age groups. The decision was further complicated by the fact that the MTHL, rather than postponing the implementation of the ruling for a year so that teams could assess its implications for them, announced that all clubs must comply with it for the 1978-1979 season.

The school had to weigh the merits of yet a further extension of its hockey programme. It would have to consider as well the practical possibility of creating two new competitive teams within two months, finding managerial and coaching personnel and ways of financing the teams. Needless to say these were disquieting considerations and the prospects of our complying with the regulation did not look good at this point.

However, the implications of not participating were even more disquieting. We would have to abandon our hockey programme as it was traditionally structured and we would lose the Junior 'B' Buzzers, the most colourful and popular team in the school. If our decision was negative, there was every possibility that hockey, as we had known it, would cease to exist at St. Michael's.

The decision, then, was fundamental enough to make us reflect upon why we were in hockey and had been in it all these years. Was our contribution to the game and to the young men playing under our direction significant enough for us to reach out and down to the younger levels? The success our graduates had in making their way not only into the NHL, but into Olympic, International, and college competition as well, would seem to say we had made a contribution. And the calibre of the persons who gained entry into the college and professional ranks and the positive influence they brought to these levels of hockey made us appreciate the true strength of the programme and the need for it to continue.

What were the reasons for the success of the hockey

programme? St. Michael's had always endeavoured to offer its students a hockey experience with a special, if not unique orientation. The game was learned and played in an academic milieu; the teams were coached by members of the teaching staff who shared a common philosophy about the game. Outstanding among the coaches were men like Frs. Henry Carr, Ted Flanagan, Bill Conway, David Bauer, John Crowley, and Joe Primeau, Bob Goldham, Charlie Cerre and many others.

These men considered hockey as only one opportunity among many for young men to grow as persons, to discover themselves and to develop attitudes and values worthy of their dignity as human beings. Players could only develop in this integral manner if they were aware not only of their own human worth, but of that of their team mates and opponents as well. But this awareness must be communicated by coaches who were sensitive to this reality and who in turn would treat each player with respect and place his personal needs and interests ahead of the game. It was a matter of coaches and players keeping the game in perspective; the game was not their life, but merely an activity of some importance in their lives.

These men helped their players to develop healthy attitudes about winning and losing, about team work, competition, developing basic skills, discipline, leadership, handling responsibilities outside hockey, obedience, violence and respect for others. And these attitudes were based on the values and traditions for which St. Michael's itself was well known.

When the past accomplishments of the programme were thus reviewed, it became clear that too much good had resulted both in the school, in the league and beyond both of these into professional circles. It would be premature to terminate it without at least trying to adapt the programme to the new regulation. And so it was decided to comply with the MTHL ruling. Now it was a matter of finding the players and coaches for the new teams.

As luck would have it an alumnus, Gary McDonnell ('57), a man active in minor hockey and an organizer of the annual Wrigley Hockey Tournament, happened onto the scene. He immediately grasped the potential of the situation and could not contain his enthusiasm for it. He volunteered to assist Fr. Brian Sweeney in fathering the coaching and playing personnel. Along with another former student, Andy Maxwell, they set to work on a reorganization of the entire programme with the goal of icing seven teams in September of 1978.

It should be mentioned here that graduates of the school and of the hockey program are returning to help in the reorganization. Coaching the bantams next year will be Larry Sadler ('71), the minor midgets, Greg Reeves ('73), former captain of the Buzzers, the Midgets, Joe Haffey ('73), also a past Buzzer captain, and coaching the Buzzers will be staff member Paul Gauthier. Gary Marlborough and Pat Monahan round out the staff involvement in coaching.

Parents across Metro were very interested in the new developments at St. Michael's. A serious hockey pro-

gramme conducted within the framework of a serious academic environment is a students' and, more important, a parents' delight. Add to this an arena that is part of the school's facilities and the prospect of a student playing his hockey in a no-nonsense school atmosphere from grade 5 through to grade 13 and even beyond into college and you can understand why the programme had at least to be given a chance to prove itself.

All is going extraordinarily well for the first year. The hockey committee has set itself a certain length of time

to realize a system that is fully integrated with the school, its traditions and values both in academics and sports, a programme that is compatible with the Separate School Board and the MTHL. Through the dedicated efforts of Fr. Sweeney, his hockey committee, the coaches and players, a giant leap toward realizing these objectives has been made in this first year.

And so ends the history of hockey at St. Michael's. The past and the present have been colourful and exciting; the future holds great promise.

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## Where are they now?

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Peter J. Neubauer

Ian Anderson

Brian Anderson

Phil Waters

Joseph Grigonis

Robert De Luce

Harry Kmiec

Ray Midghall

Robert Kmiec

Les Trznadel

Danny Odorico

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Hugh Cheetham

John Grilli

John McDonald

Gerry White

J. David Day

Roman Szymczak

Bob Knott

Gerry Odrowski

Bob Bortolussi

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is living in Clinton, N.Y. having finished his hockey career there.

is a partner in the firm of Executive Compensation Consultants Ltd. in Toronto.

is a Financial Consultant with Executive Compensation Consultants Ltd. in Toronto.

is employed by C.G.E. in Edmonton.

is Vice-President of Austin Airways in Timmins.

is associated with C.J.B.K. Radio in London, Ont.

has a consulting firm in Toronto.

is employed at the B.P. Refinery — Oakville.

is with Nixdorf Computer Inc. — Toronto.

is in 1st year Arts at York.

is an apprentice electrician in Toronto.

is in 2nd year Arts at U. of T.

is in 1st year Arts at U. of T.

is National Field Sales Mgr. with Ayerst Laboratories.

is a Marketing Rep with Computer Communications Group — Bell Canada in Toronto.

is Counsel and Secretary of Cyanamid Canada Inc. in Montreal.

is in Computer Programming with Rubbermaid (Canada) Ltd.

is Ontario Sales Manager, Housewares Division, Rubbermaid (Canada) Ltd.

is the owner of Odrowski Automotive in North Bay and still playing hockey with Local Oldtimers Leagues.

is Assistant Professor in Pediatrics & Microbiology at Dalhousie University.

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## THE TURKEY ROLL

### Another Great Success

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Once again, December brought us this memorable evening when we re-live the old stories and meet old friends.

It was a great crowd, a pleasant mix of recent grads, the Fabulous Fifties and Sixties and the stalwarts from Bay Street who provide the roots from which this event has grown.

The names like Chilco, Cooney, Frizzel, Pelletier, and Natale, all of whom are great supporters for years of many events. The Fifties were well supported by the Leonards, Wilsons, Laplantes, Cowans, etc. to mention a few. Names like Davis, Cheetham, the younger Pelletier, DiFranco, Mihevc, Bellisario, and on and on and on . . .

An amusing reunion was one which saw big Frank Mahovlich and Justin Low rehashing (I suppose) their days in residence at St. Clair House (or was it Tweedsmuir??).

Fellows, we can't mention you all, but it's great to see you and we hope you continue to come and have a ball and support your Alumni Association. Over sixty turkeys were won this year and the games were also very active (in spite of a late start!!).

We thank the teachers for their continued assistance (and if I ever open a casino, I'll know where to look for help!!) in making the evening a success, also the sellers who do a great job. See you all in December!!!

# Second Annual Alumni Basketball Reunion



February 9th saw a renewal of last year's festivities on the court with a game between the Alumni and the current Senior Squad.

Although handicapped by the obviously biased refereeing of the teacher tandem of Paul Dignan and "Coach" Prendergast, the superbly conditioned and exceptionally well-coached (by the one and only John

"SKY HOOK" McCusker) Alumni prevailed to the tune of a 65-52 margin.

Led by the efforts of people like Barry Callaghan and the Schmidt brothers of the 50's, this mixture of youth and experience gave the current crop something to look forward to. Tony "The Bird" Pulice who runs almost as much as he smiles (it must be illegal to enjoy anything that much!!), the effortless shooting talents of people like George Rautins, the rebounding of Rob Stewart and Joe Norkus. These were some of the highlights of the game.

Pat Davis promised me a Big Mac and a large Coke (or was it a beer and potato chips??) if I mentioned the key role he played in this memorable victory but all I can remember is him missing a bit shot!! Sorry, Pat!!

A second game was played dividing the Alumni into two groups and the team led by Rob Stewart and Rob Pietrobon easily won that one. (although Pietrobon had a tough time when checked by old "Sky Hook".)

Refreshments were available in the Alumni Room afterwards and a good time was had by all.

We will have a full article in the fall issue outlining this event which we hope to build into an even bigger and better event next year. For further info, call Coach Prendergast at the School or John McCusker (business #) at 279-1010.

## A History of Debating at S.M.C.S.

The Debating Society of St. Michael's College School embraces a tradition which extends well over forty years. Indeed, its origins stretch back to the "old" Bay Street School, affectionately known as Clover Hill.

In the late 40's and early 50's the Club made frequent trips to Cleveland, Rochester, Detroit and Philadelphia where oratorical competition was strong in Basilian and Jesuit high schools. It was during these early years that St. Michael's College School began sponsoring an Annual Invitational Speech Festival. In 1956, St. Michael's won the prestigious Paul Martin Trophy, dedicated to the then Minister of Health and Welfare. With the increasing number of Catholic High Schools being built in the 60's, the need arose in the Metropolitan area for a regional debating league. This led to the development of the Pro-Con Forum in 1961. Its founders were Sister Mary Rita, Principal of St. Joseph's College School, Fr. Mike Fallona, C.S.B. and the late Father Leo McGrady, C.S.B. Initially the Pro-Con included in its format dramatic readings as well as debate.

An annual Speech Festival has continued to be held at St. Michael's. In 1964, emphasis was placed on skills in public speaking and debate. In that same year a trophy, in memory of the late Norman Joseph DiLella (class of '47), was donated to the club and awarded annually to the senior graduating student who contributed most to debate and public speaking.

Today, the Club is continuing in the excellent tradition of the past. The moderators are Joe Younder (Debate) and Michael Higgins (Public Speaking). Some thirty-five students are actively involved each year in these two areas of oratory. The Pro-Con Forum has now grown to include forty schools from across Ontario. Although travel has been somewhat shortened by comparison with that of earlier years, the students do compete against schools from Hamilton, Welland, and St. Catharines. 1975 saw the beginnings of a Northern Pro-Con Forum under the leadership of Father Leo Burns C.S.B. This expansion not only extends debate into the North, but also permits keener competition for all debaters. The Northern schools include St. Mary's, Sault Ste. Marie; O'Gorman High School, Timmins; St. Joseph's, North Bay; Marymount College and St. Charles College in Sudbury.

In 1975 the Club also joined The Ontario Student Debating Association (O.S.D.A.), an organization of Ontario Secondary Schools committed to providing opportunities for debate, travel and exchange. St. Mike's has had its share of success. In 1976, Hubert Vogt represented Ontario in the National Finals held at Yellowknife, N.W.T. 1977 marked the year that Peter Calabretta was chosen as a delegate for the Ontario Debating Championship held at McMaster University. More recently, Peter Morrone received the honour of being



one of the top debaters in Toronto, and will represent St. Michael's at the University of Western Ontario in March.

As well as these activities the Club places a number of individuals in Public Speaking competitions sponsored by Service Organizations throughout the city. The Knights of Columbus, The Royal Legion, Kiwanis, Optimist International, and Lions International are but a few of these organizations.

Indeed, Debating and Public Speaking have been and continue to be an integral part of a student's life at St.

Michael's. At every grade level, students participate in some form of classroom oratory. Beginning in Grade Nine and continuing through to Grade Thirteen, students learn the art of writing and delivering a speech, preparing for a debate, and organizing a seminar. Thanks must be given to those countless students who have contributed to make the Club a success and give it the reputation it has long held throughout the city and the province.

Mr. Joseph Younder  
Tim Brosnahan

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## The Sports Scene

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The sports program has expanded a great deal since the 50's and early 60's. Sports which we have offered for some years have grown from a tournament competition to a full-fledged league participation, noticeably wrestling and volleyball. The calibre of play has increased tremendously as the student athletes are getting more participation and better coaching at the elementary levels (often at the hands of SMC grads). The league too has expanded from six schools to over twenty. As a result, a championship is much harder to come by and its attainment more highly prized. The following will give some idea of our degree of participation:

**CROSS COUNTRY** In what was considered to be a rebuilding year after the loss of fifteen seniors, this year's version of the Cross Country team had nonetheless a very successful year, winning several important meets and finishing second in the overall TDCAA Championships under the fine coaching of Father Neil Hibbard (class of '59), Paul Barry (class of '73), Pat Monahan (class of '62), and Tony Adams. The Juniors and Seniors both finished second in their division. The Bantam team won the league championship, and had a season record of 110 wins and only 10 losses. Joe Flynn, the fourth member of his family to run for St. Michael's, led the Bantams to a sixth place finish in the Provincial Championships.

### FOOTBALL

**Bantam** — Coaches John Mackle (class of '70) and Ed Brylowski (class of '64) were faced with the usual large turnout of eighty potential Bantam players. With the chosen 40, they went on to have a record of three wins and two losses, but lost in the semi-finals.

**Junior-Senior** — With a large number of ball players graduating last year, the Juniors and Seniors were building with young teams. Jack Fenn (class of '55) and Paul Forbes worked on developing young players for the future, but failed to make the playoffs. After narrowly missing the top honours last year, Mike Colle (class of '63) and Mike Coghlan went back to the drawing boards to build a new team. While they just missed the playoffs, they did solidly beat the eventual Champions on the occasion of the opening of the field.

### VOLLEYBALL

**Senior** — This young team with only one member graduating, had a 24-18 record. They lost a close battle with Cardinal Newman in the semi-finals, but the championship is a good possibility next year.

**Bantam** — SMC traditionally has had a strong Bantam team, and this year, with sixty boys coming out for try-outs, is no exception. This year's team is coached by Emmanuel Bernard and will mark the first time Bantams have been in a big league format.

**Junior** — After a poor showing last year due to inexperience, this year's team will be an improvement with members of last year's excellent Bantam team moving up. The league begins after Winter Break.

### BASKETBALL

The future is very bright for basketball at St. Michael's as the young freshman bantam basketball team under the very capable leadership of Paul Dignan capped off a very successful season by winning the TDCAA Championship by a convincing margin of 35 points over Charminade. Their season record was 23-3 with no defeats in league play. You will be hearing the names DiCosmo, Saplys, Melo, D'Agnanno a lot in future years.

The Junior team had a fine year as well as they finished first in the western division of the league with a league record of 9-3. They won the quarter-finals, but were defeated in the semi-finals by a very strong Neil McNeil team.

The Senior Blue Raiders finished the season in first place with a record of thirteen wins and one loss. After defeating Neil McNeil in the quarter-finals, the Raiders dropped a two game total point series to St. Basil's by the score of 110-106. The Raiders, in a rebuilding year, had an overall record of 23-11, being ranked seventh in Metro. Raiders lose only one player through graduation so next year's team should be quite strong.

**WRESTLING** A relatively new sport at St. Michael's, has its most successful year in its short history. Under the coaching of Brian McGowan, it placed third in overall team standing. Mark Mihevc was M.V.P. for the league and was one of the wrestlers who travelled to

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Ottawa to compete in the All-Ontario Championships. (Results not known at press time).

**SKIING** Finished fourth of ten teams competing in Slalom and Giant Slalom competition. Three grade nine members are on this team. Watch for the names of Mike Walsh, Tiber Levanz and John Dumas.

### HOCKEY

**Bantam** — Coach Greg Reeves (class of '74) has the best Bantam team in many years with a record of 28-7-5. They are currently tied for first place in the league and are expected to be very successful in the upcoming playoffs.

**Midget AA** — Larry Sadler (class of '74) coached his team to a third place finish with a record of 21-10-10. Good luck in the playoffs!

**Midget Major** — Under the coaching of Paul Gauthier and Pat Monahan, the team travelled to Sweden to participate in the Midget Tournament with the best teams from Sweden and Finland. Here they were undefeated and the least penalized team and won the Viking Cup. They ended league play in first place and are currently in first round of playoffs. With a record of 30-8-2, they are the best Midget team in over a decade and have a

potential to advance to the National Championships in Winnipeg.

**Jr. "B"** — Having a record of 25-8-11, they finished in second place. Coach George Volpe (no relation to Father Rocco) was voted coach of the year for the League. Mark Elwood was picked the outstanding defenseman. Michael David was voted the M.V.P. of the League and shared with Bernie Frith the best goals against average of all the goaltenders. They are awaiting a yet-to-be determined opponent to play off for Division Championship after winning the first round of playoffs four games straight against North York Flames.

**High School** — The team after having a shakey start went on to win their last twelve games for a solid third place finish under coach Gerry Marlborough (class of '60) and Paul Forbes. They went on to defeat Breffeu in the quarter-finals before bowing out to Henry Carr in the semi-finals.

### CONCLUSION

Over six hundred students have participated at the varsity and house league level and have derived a great deal from their involvement. Soccer and Track and Field are yet to come and we are anxiously anticipating the use of our field and new track.



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